# SMITHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016 @ 7:00 P.M. HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER MINUTES

Members present: Mr. Sean Clough, Chair, Mrs. Kellie-Ann Heenan, Vice-Chair, Mrs. Virginia Harnois, Secretary, Mrs. Rose Marie Cipriano, and Mr. Brent Barrows. Also present were Mr. Robert O'Brien, Superintendent, Mrs. Bridget Morisseau, Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Lisa Cournoyer, Director of Financial Operations, Benjamin Scungio, Esq. School Committee/School Department Attorney, Joseph Baxter, Representative to the School Committee. Mr. Clough called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

- 1. Mr. Clough read the Emergency Evacuation and Health Notification, notified the public of the public comment sign-up sheet, and reminded the public to speak at the podium when addressing the Committee.
- 2. Mrs. Cipriano moved to approve Consent Agenda Items:
  - 2.1 Minutes
    - A) Minutes of the May 16, 2016 School Committee Meeting
    - B) Minutes of the June 6, 2016 School Committee Meeting
  - 2.2 Bills
    - A) Regular Bill invoices totaling \$87,764.72
    - B) Prepaid Checks from May 16, 2016 through June 10, 2016 totaling \$278,009.74
    - C) Lunch Bills totaling \$41,464.74
  - 2.3 Appointments
    - A) Advisors 2016-2017 School Year (See attached).
    - B) Department Heads, 2016-2017 School Year (See attached).
    - C) Lisa Dunphy, 1.0 FTE World Language Teacher, (currently .6 FTE) High School, effective August 29, 2016 for the 2016-2017 School Year.
    - D) Bridgit Burke-Smith, One-year only, Social Studies Teacher, High School, effective August 29, 2016, for the 2016-2017 School Year, pending RIDE Certification.
    - E) Katherine Young, 1.0 FTE Music Teacher, (currently .4 FTE) High School, effective August 29, 2016 for the 2016-2017 School Year.
  - 2.4 Resignations:
    - A) Michael Hassell, Assistant Principal, High School, effective June 30, 2016.
  - 2.5 Leaves
    - A) Jennifer Brissette, Speech Language Pathologist, Anna McCabe, Maternity, August 29, 2016 through October 31, 2016.

Mrs. Harnois seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Ms. Dunphy and Ms. Burke-Smith were present and the Committee congratulated them on their new positions.

## 3. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

- A) Students are finishing up with exams on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- B) 92 Pro FM event. SHS had pleasure of hearing a new and up and coming artist perform.
- C) Seniors graduation was held last week.
- 4. Mr. Barrows moved that the Aramark contract be renewed for the 2016-2017 school year based upon the proposed budget. Mrs. Heenan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Donna Humphries and John McGrath from Aramark were present to answer questions that the Committee had.

- 5. Mrs. Heenan moved to approve of a negotiated payment with Durham for invoices for Athletic and Special Education trips (only) from September 2015 April 2016. Mrs. Cipriano seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

  Mr. O'Brien told the Committee that Durham had submitted several invoices for Athletic and Special Education to the business office that were incorrect. After having several meetings in an attempt to rectify the invoices, the errors continued. Mr. O'Brien informed the Committee that in an effort to clear these invoices without re-issuing all of them, we agreed to pay the invoices as billed. However, the business office estimated the amount of the discrepancies, along with the cost of the time for all employees involved in the research and meetings, and requested a one-time credit from Durham in the amount of \$9,404.96. Durham has agreed to this credit. Mrs. Cournoyer added that she will be meeting again with local and regional representatives from Durham to try to avoid this problem again next year.
- 6. Mrs. Heenan moved to approve the line item changes for the 2015-2016 budget. Mrs. Harnois seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

  Mr. O'Brien informed the Committee that the final line item changes are done at this time each year. Mrs. Cournoyer was present to review the major line item changes, and answered questions that the Committee had.
- 7. Mrs. Harnois moved that a new maintenance position be approved. Mrs. Heenan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.
  Mr. O'Brien told the Committee that with the loss of a grounds position an additional maintenance position is needed to fill in for absent custodians as well as keep up with the maintenance of our aging buildings. He added that the new position would include a heating and ventilation trade person.
- 8. Mrs. Harnois moved that the bid for #2 Heating Oil be awarded to Peterson Oil Service Inc. at an incremental price per gallon of \$.0250 for the 2016-2017 year. Mrs. Heenan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Four bids were received, Peterson Oil was the lowest-priced vendor.
- 9. Mrs. Heenan moved that the bid for Snowplowing be rejected. Mrs. Harnois seconded the motion. The motion to reject the bid was approved with a 5-0 vote. Mr. O'Brien informed the Committee that one bid for snowplowing was received. He said he is recommending the bids be rejected because the prices are considerably higher than last year. He said the district will look into other options that may be less costly.
- 10. Mrs. Cipriano moved that the bid for Boiler Cleaning be awarded to Industrial Burner Inc. in the amount of \$21,000. Mrs. Heenan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. One bid for boiler cleaning services was received. Mr. O'Brien told the Committee that Industrial Burner has been providing this service to the school department for many years and has done excellent work.

### 11. COMMUNICATIONS:

A) A copy of the letter sent to the Town regarding additional appropriation.

#### 12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: None.

### **13. PUBLIC FORUM:**

The following individuals addressed the Committee:

Bruce Ewart	Daniel Arian	Ryan Brissette	Dave Lombardo
Joseph Bennett	Joseph Renaud	Sharon DeLong	Lisa Borges
Dennis Woisard	Colleen Riley Grand	Susan Esposito	Peter McCutcheon
Darian Maranta	Jeff Kurbec	Richard Lancia	Chris Branch
Joshua Perry	Michael Tartaglia	Mike Beaton	Michael Romeo
Tony Torregrossa			

# **14. COMMITTEE COMMENTS:** Rose Marie Cipriano

**15. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (Closed) pursuant to RI General Laws Section 42-46-5(a): At 8:33 p.m., Mrs. Harnois moved to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to personnel in accordance with the Open Meeting Act, RI General Laws 42-46-5(a)1. Mrs. Heenan seconded the motion. This requires an individual vote. The individual vote was 5-0 polled by Mr. Clough, Chair.

Returned to open session at 10:58 p.m. Motion to adjourn executive session made by Mrs. Cipriano. Mrs. Harnois seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mrs. Cipriano moved to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. Mrs. Harnois seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mrs. Cipriano moved to accept the Executive Session minutes dated February 22, 2016. Mrs. Harnois seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Harnois; seconded by Mrs. Cipriano. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Petrone Secretary